

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kelley Powers upon becoming the first person to win the Goose Calling Triple Crown and for his example to and work with our youth.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as superlative ambassadors of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Kelley Powers, who recently won the title at the Avery International Goose Calling Championship; and

WHEREAS, upon winning the Avery International Championship, Mr. Powers achieved the third jewel in the ever-elusive Goose Calling Triple Crown; having previously won the Goose Calling World Championship in 1999 and having been named the Champion of Champions in 2000, Kelley Powers is now the first person ever to win the Triple Crown; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these awards, Mr. Powers has also won the World Team Goose Calling Championship, the U.S. Open Invitational Championship, the Best of the West Championship, the Bass Pro Championship, the Kansas Goose Calling Eastern Regional Championship, the Hawkeye Goose Calling Championship, the Delby Publishing Goose Calling

Championship, the King of the Pit Goose Calling Championship, and the Patternmaster Goose Calling Championship; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Union City, Mr. Powers is the co-owner, with his brothers, Jon Ed and Tripp, of Final Flight Outfitters, a company dedicated to the sport of waterfowl hunting; and

WHEREAS, he also serves as a professional staff member for such companies as Tim Grounds Championship Calls, Inc., Avery Outdoors, Inc., Mossy Oak Camouflage, Rich-N-Tone Duck Calls, and the Higdon Decoy Company, and travels across the United States and Canada, promoting game-calling products that he helps design; and

WHEREAS, now a World Champion at the age of twenty-four, Mr. Powers has been a goose caller since he was a toddler, and has been calling competitively since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Kelley Powers is most grateful for the love and support of his family, including his father, Burnie Powers, Jr., his mother, and his two brothers, and for the tutelage and encouragement of mentors such as Tim Grounds, one of the world's best callers and a leading innovator in goose call design; Brandon Fletcher; John Pisoni; and Altie Lannon; and

WHEREAS, through his ceaseless dedication to safe and ethical enthusiasm for the outdoors, Kelley Powers epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, perhaps most importantly, Mr. Powers is reaching out to young people through his participation in the West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree, the Junior Journalist Contest, and the On-Target program in the schools of his community; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts, Mr. Powers is helping young people to stay away from drugs and to stay out of trouble, while encouraging and presenting a way of life in which families and friends build relationships and make this country closer and stronger; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Kelley Powers, a champion and a mentor and helper to our youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Kelley Powers for his most impressive accomplishments as a competitive goose caller and his service to and example for our young people. We congratulate him upon winning the 2003 Avery International Goose Calling Championship and becoming the first person to win the Goose Calling Triple Crown, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success in all of his endeavors, and especially in his helping our youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.